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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (Original) A method of delivering information to a requesting user, said method comprising the steps of:
recording a request from a user pertaining to information content desired by said user;
accessing said recorded request by any information provider; and
determining by said accessing information provider whether or not the information said accessing provider has control of matches the information content requested by said user.
 2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said accessing information supplier accesses said information via the Internet.
 3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said accessing information supplier accesses said information via a connection from said provider directly to said user.
 4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said recording step includes providing user information to control the accessing of such requests by third parties.
 5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further including the step of:
under at least partial control of said determining step delivering the information desired by said user.
 6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein said delivering step includes the step of:
interacting between said accessing provider and said user as to the nature of the information to be delivered.
 7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said interacting is selected from the list including:

time of delivery, media for delivery, content of delivery, location for delivery, follow up after delivery, payment information, respective obligation requirements, comparing access permissions.
 8. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said interacting step can occur in a media different from the media under which said information is delivered.

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9. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein said delivering step includes the step of:

making adjustments for one or more factors selected from the list including time, location, media.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein said adjustment is made based on the context of the desired information.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein said adjustment is made based on the location of the user.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said information to be delivered is entertainment media.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said information is recorded local to said user and from time to time transmitted to a remote location.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said information is recorded locally and accessible from time to time from remote locations by said accessing providers.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said information is recorded locally and sent to one or more remote locations for accessing by said accessing providers.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said information is initially recorded at a location remote from said user.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[16]]~~1 wherein said recorded information is available for accessing by said accessing providers at one or more locations remote from said user.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the information desired by said user is not currently available.

19. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the information desired pertains to future events not scheduled at the time said request is recorded.

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20. (Original) The system of delivering information to a requesting user, said system comprising:

means for recording a request from a user pertaining to information content desired by said user;

means for accessing said recorded request by any information provider; and

means for determining by said accessing information provider whether or not the information said accessing provider has control of matches the information content requested by said user.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20 further including:

means operable under at least partial control of said determining means for delivering the information desired by said user.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein said delivering means includes:

means for interacting between said accessing provider and said user for determining the nature of the information to be delivered.

23. (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein said delivering means includes:

means for making adjustments for factors selected from the list including time, location, media.

24. (Original) The system of claim 23 wherein said adjustment is made based on the context of the desired information.

25. (Original) The system of claim 23 wherein said adjustment is made based on the location of the user.

26. (Original) The system of claim 20 wherein said accessing means includes:

means for matching a permission level of a recorded request against a permission level of an accessing party.

Claims 27-43 (Canceled)

44. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~A system for providing information to a user, said information available over a network, said system comprising:

means for allowing said user to input and store an abstract of the desired information;

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means operative from time to time for allowing any party other than said user to have access to said abstract of said desired information; and

means for allowing those of said other parties having information fulfilling said abstracted information to deliver to said user said fulfilling information.

45. (Original) The system of claim 44 wherein said fulfilling information was not available at the time said user stored said abstract of said desired information.

46. (Original) The system of claim 44 wherein said delivery allowing means includes means for interacting between the user and said accessing parties to determine one or more of the following, scope of the information content to deliver, time of delivery, mode of delivery, location of delivery, cost of the information, respective liabilities of the parties with respect to the delivered information, limitations on the use of said delivered information.

47. (Original) The system of claim 44 wherein said allowing means includes flagging certain data at said user's location.

48. (Original) The system of claim 44 wherein said allowing means includes storing said inputted abstracted desired information at least one site remote from said user.

49. (Original) The system of claim 44 wherein said delivering means includes means for modifying the information in accordance with the user's location.

50. (Original) The system of claim 44 wherein said delivering means includes means for delivering the information in a media context consistent with the user's ability to receive the information at the time of delivery.

51. (Original) The system of claim 44 wherein said system allowing means includes means for controlling which set of parties may access said desired information.

Claims 52-60 (Canceled)

61. (Previously Presented) A method of delivering information to a requesting user, said method comprising the steps of:

storing requests from users, said requests pertaining to information content desired by said users;

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accessing said stored requests by information providers; and
determining by an accessing provider whether or not said accessing provider has
control of information which matches an accessed stored request.

62. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 61 further including the step
of:

providing information in accordance with stored requests under control of said
accessing provider.

63. (Currently Amended) The invention set forth in claim 62 further including the
step of:

under control of said ~~request~~-storing user, determining if said storing user will accept
information provided by said accessing user.

64. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 61 wherein said stored
requests pertain to information not available to said storing user at the time of said storing.

65. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 61 wherein said stored
requests pertain to information not in existence at the time of said storing.

66. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 61 wherein said
determining step includes the step of:

under control of an accessing provider generating information for delivery to said
storing user pertaining to at least one stored request of said storing user.

67. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 66 further including
the step of:

allowing said storing user to control whether or not information will be received by
said storing user.

68. (Canceled)

69. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61 wherein said user requests
arrive over the Internet.

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70. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61 wherein said user requests arrive over a first communication service, and wherein said information is provided to said user over a second communication service different from said first communication service.

Claims 71-74 (Canceled)

75. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further including the step of communicating to said user that a match has been determined.

76. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75 wherein said communication step includes an e-mail message.

77. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75 wherein said communication step includes a wireless communication.

78. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said recording step includes the step of receiving said requests over a medium different from the medium in which the requested information content is to be returned to said user.

Claims 79-80 (Canceled)

81. (Currently Amended) A system for delivering entertainment information to a user, said system comprising:

means for allowing said user to record requests for desired entertainment information;
means operative from time to time by an entertainment provider for accessing recorded ones of said user requests;

means for determining by said accessing provider which, if any, of said entertainment information pertaining to said user recorded requests are currently available to said user by said accessing provider; and

means controlled in part by said accessing provider for delivering to said user one or more of said entertainment information pertaining to said user recorded requests which were determined not to have been currently available to said user, after said entertainment information is determined to be available.

82. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 81 wherein said accessing means is further operative to allow more than one information provider to review said recorded

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requests for periods of time.

83. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 81 wherein said accessing means is at a first location and said entertainment information provider is at a second location remote from said accessing means.

84. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 81 wherein said entertainment information is selected from the list including future entertainment information: past entertainment information, past events, entertainment concepts, biographies, actors, travelogues, subject matter, movies, concerts, performers, time frames, sitcoms, sports, affinity programs, historical figures, news events.

85. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 81 further including:
means for controlling recording times of delivered ones of said desired entertainment information in accordance with the actual delivered time of such entertainment information at a user's location.

Claims 86-96 (Canceled)

97. (New) A method of delivering information to a requesting user, said method comprising:

recording a request from a user pertaining to non-subscription information content desired by said user, said information content not necessarily being available to said user at the time of said request;

accessing said recorded request by parties other than said user; and
determining by a party other than said user when information which becomes available subsequent to said user request that said subsequently available information matches said user request.

98. (New) The method of claim 97 further comprising:
delivering said determined matched information to said user.

99. (New) The method of claim 98 wherein said request is recorded with an intermediary party other than potential parties controlling information desired by said user;

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said intermediary party available to record requests from a plurality of users desiring information.

100. (New) The method of claim 99 wherein said determining is controlled by said intermediary party.

101. (New) The method of claim 98 wherein said delivering is controlled, at least in part, by interaction with said user.

102. (New) The method of claim 101 wherein said information content desired by said user is a commodity.

103. (New) The method of claim 102 wherein said commodity comprises items selected from the list of: goods, services, tickets to events, vacations, travel, entertainment programs.

104. (New) A method for allowing a user to purchase tickets over an interactive network; said method comprising:

posting from time to time at a site on said interactive network a description of tickets desired by a posting user, said ticket description not limited to events then currently scheduled; and

matching by a party other than said posting user any said posted ticket description with tickets to events as said tickets become available.

105. (New) The method of claim 104 wherein said matching further comprises: searching said interactive network by ticket providers which are independent from said interactive network site.

106. (New) The method of claim 104 wherein said matching is facilitated by said interactive network site.

107. (New) The method of claim 106 wherein said interactive network site is available to a plurality of potential posting users.

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108. (New) The method of claim 107 wherein said matching further comprises: searching said interactive network site by a plurality of ticket providers who are independent from said interactive network site.

109. (New) A system for allowing users to purchase merchandise over the Internet: said system comprising:

memory for accepting a description of merchandise desired by at least one user; said merchandise described by said user not necessarily available at the time said memory accepts said description; and

a search engine controlled by a party other than said user for searching said Internet and for periodically determining if said memory has accepted a description of merchandise available for sale to said user by at least one merchandise provider.

110. (New) The system of claim 109 wherein said search engine is controlled by each said merchandise provider.

111. (New) The system of claim 109 wherein said memory is located on a public access network at a site remote from said user, said site accessible by a plurality of said users.

112. (New) The system of claim 109 wherein said search engine is controlled by said public access network site.

113. (New) The system of claim 109 wherein said merchandise comprises any merchandise selected from the list of: goods, services, tickets to events, vacations, travel, entertainment programs.

114. (New) A method of obtaining merchandise on the Internet, said method comprising:

making it known on said Internet by a user that said user desires to obtain a specific item of merchandise;

searching on said Internet by entities who believe they can supply merchandise to users; and

indicating to said user that a search of said Internet has revealed that an entity believes it can supply said desired specific merchandise to said user.

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115. (New) The method of claim 114 wherein said specific item of desired merchandise is not available to said user at the time said user first makes known that said user desires to obtain a specific item of merchandise.

116. (New) The method of claim 114 wherein said searching is preformed by an entity other than said user and other than an actual merchandise supplier.

DB 117. (New) The method of claim 114 further comprising:
facilitating consummation of a purchase by said user of said specific item of merchandise.

118. (New) The method of claim 114 wherein said merchandise comprises any merchandise selected from the list of: goods, services, tickets to events, vacations, travel, entertainment programs.
